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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PFOR, BU, ET
SUBJECT: MENGISTU VISIT TO SOFIA

1. BULGARIA PULLED OUT ALL THE STOPS FOR THE VISIT OF COLONEL MENGISTU MAY 3 AND 4. AT THE AIRPORT BOTH AT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE WERE THE CHIEF OF STATE AND PARTY (ZHIVKOV), HEAD OF GOVERNMENT (TODOROV), JUST ABOUT THE ENTIRE POLITBURO, RANKING MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF STATE, GOVERNMENT, FRONT ORGANIZATIONS -- AND, AT HIS DEPARTURE, ALSO OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AS WELL AS SOVIET AMBASSADOR BAZOVSKII.

2. COMMUNIQUE WAS BRIEF, WHICH IS UNUSUAL FOR SUCH VISITS FROM LEADERS OF "FRATERNAL" COUNTRIES. KEY SENTENCE PROBABLY WAS: "PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA SUPPORTS
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STRUGGLE OF ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE AGAINST ALL ATTEMPTS TO INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTRY AND WHICH AIM AT LIQUIDATION OF REVOLUTIONARY ACHIEVEMENTS OF ETHIOPIA AND VIOLATION OF ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY."

3. FOR SOME REASON, THIS BRIEF VISIT WAS NOT CHARACTERIZED AS HAVING BEEN OFFICIAL, FOR THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO SAID THAT

"FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE BCP AND
CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE COUNCIL TODOR ZHIVKOV INVITED THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE PMAC OF SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA LIEUT. COL. MENGISTU
HAILE-MARIAM TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL FRIENDLY VISIT TO BULGARIA.
THE INVITATION WAS ACCEPTED WITH GRATITUDE."
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